Presidents of Transportation Systems Declare That They

Cannot Accept Even Temporar-

**WOULD INCREASE WAGES** 

Benefit Would Go Only To Preferred Class of Labor and

Could Not Be Allowed Without Appealing to Public Sentiment

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

ened strike of the members of the four

railroud brotherhoods are practically united in their stand against the pro-

posed plan of President Wilson, to

waive arbitration for the time being

and accept the eight-hour day proposal

Following their protracted confer-

ence with the President at the White

House, yesterday, the railroad heads withdrew to confer among themselves.

before making any statement for the

The nature and results of these

minor conferences were kept well con

cealed, but it was learned that the

sentiment of the men present for the most part was against the suggestions

made at the White House, at least in their present form, although it was hinted that with some alterations they

might prove acceptable as a basis upor

which the negotiations might be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Indeed, there was considerable talk of a counter-proposal which might solve the problem and break the ap-

parent deadlock, and in certain quar

ters there was hope expressed that such a counter proposal might be made to-

Following the conferences held by the railroad president, Blewitt Lee,

spokesman and chairman of the con

ference, said that the trend of opin

ion was away from the President's

"It is inconceivable," he declared

"that the railroads should be called

upon to grant demands which would

mean the payment of \$50,000,000 addi

court in this country, public opinion. Public Opinion Must Decide

In continuing his statement Mr. Le-

preparedness, and declaring that the

roads are the vital industrial frame-

work of the nation and that it is abso-

letely meessary to keep them running

present circumstances they should ac-

cept the eight hour plan demanded by

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creasing the Spanish standing army to

of a comprehensive plan for improv

ing the condition of the national de

fense, which has been under discussion

GERMANS REMIT BIG FINE

MADRID, August 22-Plans for it

INCREASE OF HER ARMY

Roads Are Not Blamed

SPAIN PLANNING BIG

for some time.

Getting Away From Wilson

public. Conference Results Guarded

ASHINGTON, August 22—The presidents of the railroad systems affected by the threat-

ily Eight-hour Day Demand

FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS

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# HAS Bulgaria Threatened By Rumania

Map of Theater of War In Levant, Where Greece and Rumania Face Crisis

1—Rionika, From Which Base Entents Porces Are Conducting Their Present Offensive. 2 and 3—Mountain Passes of Strumnitza and Kostendil, Held By Tentonics. 4—Russian Fleet Off Varna, Bulgaria's Chief Port. 5 and 8—Concentration Points For Teutons. 7—Brindisi, Where a Strong Italian Expositionary Force Is Watching and Waiting. 8—Lemnos, Abandoned Allied Base For Gallipoli Campaign, Which Supplied French Troops At Salonika. 9 and 9—Rhodes, Which Is Occupied By Italian Troops and May Serve As Another Fooder For Present Campaign In Balkans, and Florina, Which Has Just Been Captured By Bulgarians From Extreme Left Wing of Serbian Army



## fional wages to a preferred class of their employes, and a class that is in railroads without appealing to the last

Republican Candidate For Presidency Decries Such Abuses intimated that the lines are prepared to take whatever course the "country de

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

sires for we realize that public opinion must decide this controversy." President Wilson put the railroad LOS ANGELES, August 22.-Churles crisis squarely up to the big gathering Hughes, candidate of the Republican of railroad presidents who met him at party for the presidency, last night selected as the main theme of his address the White House in conference yesterere the abuses of community interests He reinforced his previous argu-

for private advantage.
"I have not hauled down the fing ments for adjustment of the contro versy, involving some concession now hat I raised in New York," said Mr. by the employers, pointing out the im-Hughes. 'I stand now as then against the portance of the railroads for military

base of community interest for the adantage of private individuals or con

#### He said he did not blame the roads MIKADO DECORATES THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR TREATY

for fighting for the principle of arbi-tration, but that he believed under (Special Cablegram to Nippu Jiji.) TOKIO, August 22.—The Japane the men, arbitrating later the working out of harmonious adjustment. mperor has awarded high officials of he department of foreign affairs, and the members of the Jupanese embassy n Petrograd, for their work in completing the Russo-Japanese agreement. of them received decoration and ash donations.

FORMER VILLISTA MURDERED (Associated Press by Federal Wireless) 180,000 peace strength will be submitted to parliament within a short time. The proposed increase is part

CITY OF CHIHUAHUA, August 22 Pederico Chavez, former general unier Villa and pardonded by the Carranza government, has been mardered by a band of Villista outlaws, according to a report which reached General Trevino yesterday.

#### NEW MINISTER IN PEKING

(Associated Press by Pederal Wireless) (Special Cablegram to Nippu Jiji) AMSTERDAM, August 22.-Accord ing to the Echo Belge, General von TOKIO, August 22-Baron Gonsuke Hayashi, the newly appointed Jap Bissing, the German governor of Belgium, has remitted the fine he imposed anese minister to China, paid his of upen Brussels for celebrating a fete ficial call upon the Chinese president. without his permission. The city re: Li Yuen Hung, yesterday, and prefused to pay the fine. ' sented his credentials,

### their employes, and a class that is in the minority, and that the demands should be granted under the threat of a strike such as this, which would paralyze the entire industrial and commercial activities of the nation. Certainly it is impossible to conceive that such action should be taken by the railrouds without appealing to the last FOR WESTERN ADVANCE

(Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hochi) . tween the Japanese and the Chinese Chinese troops at Cheng Chin Tung, has

seen peacefully settled, according to a datement issued by the Japanese forign office last night. The feeling in this country against

he Chinese following the announcement that a number of Japanese soldiers had been tortured by the Chinese, and others killed, grew to an alarming height, and not a few of the papers here and elsewhere in the empire insisted that "China must be chastised," Mercy Tempers Justice

issued last night by a high official of the foreign office, "but the government authorities here have come to the conclusion that the proper method of lealing with the situation would be to take into consideration the difficulties the Chinese government is now confronting and let mercy temper justice. We have therefore decided to deal leniently with the country because of the many extenuating circumstances consected with the affair.

"We have done this largely because serious, and one that demands much wish to embarrass the authorities in ment has sent 2000 additional troops Peking further than is necessary. to the garrison at Cheng Chia Tung. Peking further than is necessary.

"We have then settled the questions TOKIO, August 20 .- The trouble be- between the two countries under three conditions, as follows:

> "First-All persons who were re-sponsible for the violent outbreak of the Chinese troops shall be punished severely by the Chinese government. "Second-Proper compensation shall

be made by the Chinese government for the lives of the Japanese soldiers killed in the conflict with the Chinese troops, and for the damage done to

Japanese property.
Third—If a Mongolian army scattered bands of Mongolians disturb the peace of China in future, the gov "We have possibly many reasons for crument of China shall ask the assist chastising China," said the statement ance of Japan in putting down the dis-

#### SUBMARINE FREIGHTER BREMEN IS EN ROUTE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NORFOLK, Virginia, August 22.-Ac

#### JAPANESE AND CHINESE WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS

Japanese troops at Cheng Chia Tung es, pending the negotiations between we realize that the Chinese government is confronting a situation that is still ed that the Japanese have seized a Chinese magistrate. A despatch from care in the handling, and we do not Tokio, says that the Japanese govern

#### BORDER TOWNS HEAR ONCE MORE THAT VILLA IS DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

FL PASO, August 22.-Another re ording to reports current here last port that General Villa is dead reached night the German submarine Bremen, this city last night from the City of sister ship of the Deutschland, left a Chihushua. The statement says that German port August 14, headed for the bandit leader died of blood pois New London, Connecticut, where it is oming July 9, and that he was buried asserted that arrangements have been near Parral. The story is not believ-

#### Casualties Among British Officers Have Reached Large Total

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) LONDON, August 21-Announce ment made by the British war office which the Allies' offensive on the west now taking.

The casualties of the British army during the last seven days are the heaviest of the war. The toll is 737 officers killed, 1688 wounded and 134

This brings the total casualties among officers to 10,842 killed, 22,978 wounded and 2596 missing.

#### CHINA ASKS JAPANESE TO BE HER MILITARY ADVISOR

Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hochi) WASHINGTON, August 22.—Despatches to the Chinese legation yesterday announced that the Chinese and the fortress of Port Arthur, has been asked to be advisor in military affairs have been withdrawn some distance of the Chinese government, by Presi-from each other to avoid further clash- deat Li Yuen Hung. General Acki probably will necept the offer.

#### MILLION DOLLARS BURNED IN BIG BLAZE AT KOBE

(Special Cable To The Hawaii Hochi) TOK10, August 22.—Twelve store-onses, belonging to the Sumitomo Varchouse Company of Kobe, were destroyed by fire vesterday. The dame is estimated at approximately

#### MUNITION PLANT BLOWS UP

(Associated Press by Pederal Wireless.) LONDON, August 21.-Serious loss life is feared as the result of an expleasen in a munition plant in Yorkshire this afternoon, according to an official statement just given out. No details are available.

### **DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE BALKAN KINGDOM HAS CAST** LOT WITHENTENTE POWERS

Berlin Practically Admits Reports From London and Paris That Little State Is Ready To Strike At Czar Ferdinand From North and Thus Open Way For the Russian Forces

### LEVANT CRISIS CRITICAL

(Associated Press By Federal Wireless)

DARIS, August 22.—Rumania is about to join the Entente and hurl her well-trained and well-equipped army of between half a million and three quarters of a million men, on the flanks of the Bulgars, now attacking the Allies north of Salonika. Such is the reading of the offensive of the Teutons in the Balkans here, in London and in Berlin. GERMAN EXPERT ADMITS DANGER

Indeed, Major Moraht, one of the best known of the German military experts and leader writer for the Berliner Tageblatt, intimated vesterday Rumania has already joined the Allies, and that Germany is on the point of sending an ultimatum to Bucharest, capital of Rumania. He says that the allied plan is to have Rumania join the Entente, open the road for Russia to march through and strike at Bulgaria, while at the same time the Allies at the Salonika front will strike from the south, the aim being to cut the Belgrade-Constantinople railroad, which is regarded as the line through which Turkey draws in the supplies which keep alive her resistence to the Russian and allied blows:

OFFENSIVE WITH POLITICAL AIM With the outbreak of the military activity in the Balkans late last week the military authorities here and elsewhere pointed out that the attacks of the Bulgarians and their Teutonic allies could have only minor military significance, but were designed for political and more effect upon Rumania and Greece.

It was asserted then that something must be moving behind the veil which the censors of the warring countries have drawn so carefully over the doings of the nations. Yesterday the motive of the offensive became apparent with the lifting of the veil regarding the movement

INTRIGUE TO WIN OVER RUMANIA

That nation has been hovering on the verge of war for months. Bucharest has been the scene of more intrigue than any other of the minor capitals of Europe for years. German and Austrian agents worked against French, Russian and British agents in their efforts to swing the decision of the Rumanian leaders for one side or the other.

Now it is confidentally asserted that Russia is willing to pay the price, which all along it has been declared Rumania has demanded, and that the die has been cast. Rumania is to receive Bessarabia, which belongs to Russia, but which the Czar is willing to cede in return for the active co-operation of the Rumanians in the war.

BERLIN CRITIC ADMITS GRAVE DANGER

Major Moraht, in an article yesterday, outlines the situation and frankly admits the danger to the Bulgarian positions, should Rumania align herself with the Entente allies and proceed to strike with the army of half a million men she has under arms at the present moment. He points out that the Rumanians have been bending every effort to get their forces into the best possible fighting trim, and that now the Rumanian army is second to none in Europe in training and equipment.

Paris and London vesterday insisted that the Bulgarian offensive in the Balkans is but a political move, directed by the German general staff which is admittedly directing all the operations of the war for the Central powers, in the hope of affecting public opinion today shows the tremendous toll of life in Rumania and also with the hope of influencing the nearing Greek

> Meantime the fighting on the actual battle fields of the great war continued vesterday without a pause. In the Balkans, along the line of the Somme, on the east bank of the Meuse, on both sides of the Stokhod, and in the Carpathians the struggle went on bitterly.

#### BULGARS TAKE FLORINA

The Bulgarian offensive launched last week against the Serbs who are holding the left wing of the Allies' line in the Balkans, was more successful. The important town of Florina, is a Greek town southeast of Monastir. .This move may force the Greek government to abandon its present stand and take sides with one or the others of the combatants in the great war.

The capture of the town, though unimportant in its military sigdificance, caused consternation in the Greek capital, according to reports received from Athens yesterday. The King summoned the members of his general staff and members of his cabinet to discuss the results of the Bulgarian move and the probable effect it will

KING CLOSELY GUARDED

There is apparently little doubt in Athens as to the nature of the nove, for the Royalists, who are supporting King Constantine, have aken extraordinary precautions for the coming elections, and the king is guarded by a full brigade of troops.

But while this politico-military movement was being made the Allies were preparing one of their own and reports from Salonika yesterday declared that a body of Italians have landed at port, prepared to take the field against the Bulgarians and their German generals. This brings Italy and Germany face to face in the war, and will undoubtedly be followed soon by a declaration of war either from Berlin or Rome, or from both capitals. The Italians are prepared to participate in the fighting against the Tentons and the Bulgars, it is reported.

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